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Community member Taylor Michaud lends her left arm to a representative from Canadian Blood Services for her regular blood donation at the Community Annex during CFB Shilo's Mobile Blood Donation Clinic. Michaud's donation will save up to three lives For more on this story, see page 3.

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LCol Corbould assumes command overseas

Capt Amber Bineau
PAO, TF 1-08

LCol Dave Corbould of 2 PPCLI assumed command of Joint Task Force Afghanistan's Battle Group from LCol Alain Gauthier of the 3^e Bataillon du Royal 22^e Régiment on February 29. The handover was conducted in the presence of BGen Guy Laroche, Commander, Joint Task Force Afghanistan.

LCol Corbould has the responsibility of leading the Battle Group for the next six months. LCol Corbould will command about 1000 soldiers from across Western Canada including a small contingent from Valcartier, Quebec.

During the change of command ceremony at Kandahar Airfield (KAF), LCol Corbould said his focus will be to maintain what the previous battle group has gained.

"The Royal 22nd Regiment has done a tremendous job. We will build upon their by continuing a series of security operations and activities in order to maintain the initiative in Kandahar Province," said Lieutenant-Colonel Corbould.

For LCol Alain Gauthier, the ceremony marks the end of a seven month deployment as the 3^e Bataillon du Royal 22^e Régiment Battle Group Commander. Having taken command of the Joint Task Force Afghanistan Battle Group in August 2007, he leaves with great satisfaction of

having had the opportunity to lead a formation of highly-trained soldiers in security operations that have brought stability and security in Southern Afghanistan.

"During the past seven months, the battle group has demonstrated exceptional efforts to bring a more stable and secure foundation for the Afghan people. It is due to the devotion and determination of the battle group's soldiers that we have been able to accomplish our mission. There is a lot more work to be done and challenges to overcome. The incoming battle group will do excellent work

throughout their tour," said the outgoing commander.

The role of Joint Task Force Afghanistan's Battle Group is to conduct security operations in Kandahar Province to assist the Government of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan in the establishment and maintenance of a safe and secure environment. To realise this, the Battle Group works very closely with the coalition force and the Afghan National Security Force in order to extend the government's authority and influence thereby facilitating Afghanistan's reconstruction and contributing to regional stability.



The Rotation 5, 2 PPCLI Battle Group Commander, LCol Dave Corbould, speaks to Rotations 4 and 5 soldiers during the Transfer of Command Authority parade on February 29, 2008 at Kandahar Airfield, Kandahar, Afghanistan.



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Photos submitted by Capt Bineau, PAO.

LCol Dave Corbould (L) signs the Transfer of Command Authority documents as the incoming 2 PPCLI BG Commander during his change of command parade February 29 at the Kandahar Airfield. Beside him are BGen Guy Laroche (C), Joint-Task Force Afghanistan Commander and the outgoing 3^e Bataillon du Royal 22^e Régiment BG Commander, LCol Alain Gauthier (R). Behind (L-R) are Rotations 5 and 4 RSM, CWO Brian Semenko and CWO Pierre Marchand.

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Thursday, April 3 is Cancer Awareness Day,

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Is it in YOU to give?

Becky Block
Shilo Stag

Thirty-two people saved 78 lives last Monday at the Canadian Blood Services Mobile Blood donor clinic.

Community member Taylor Michaud, gave her fourth donation at the mobile clinic and says she feels good about doing it consistently.

"I'd always wanted to do it (donate) and I thought I'd try it" she said when she first considered donating, "I knew if I didn't like it, I didn't have to do it again."

In speaking with the staff of Canadian Blood Services from Brandon who managed the clinic held at the community annex, I was educated about blood donation and how much impact it can really have. Did you know:

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The staff expressed that they are often low on blood supply; particularly for rare blood types and that donations are never wasted or disposed of. Shilo offers clinics about twice a year but other mobile clinics are roving around the province all the time, stopping in virtually all towns along the way. Brandon offers whole blood donation clinics almost daily and for those interested in plasma and platelet donation, the Winnipeg Canadian Blood Services clinic offers them on a rotating basis. Blood is definitely in you to give, but is it in you to donate blood?

First envoy appointed

Submitted by
17 Wing, Winnipeg

Premier Gary Doer appointed Bonnie Korzeniowski, Member of the Legislative Assembly for St. James, as Manitoba's first Special Envoy for Military Affairs on Feb. 4.

Ms. Korzeniowski was quick to assume her new duties, participating in the Yellow Ribbon of Support campaign kick-

off at the Legislature the next day.

"Bonnie Korzeniowski has been a long-time friend of the Canadian Forces in Manitoba," said 17 Wing Commander Col Scott Howden. "I'm very pleased that Premier Doer has decided to recognize the work she has done on behalf of military members and families by appointing her as the Special Envoy for military Affairs."

Ms. Korzeniowski grew up in a military family, with her father serving in the RCHA. As well, she was a social worker in psychogeriatrics for twelve years at the Deer Lodge Centre, which provides a wide range of services to both serving and retired military members.

Bonnie Korzeniowski was first elected to the Legislative Assembly in 1999.

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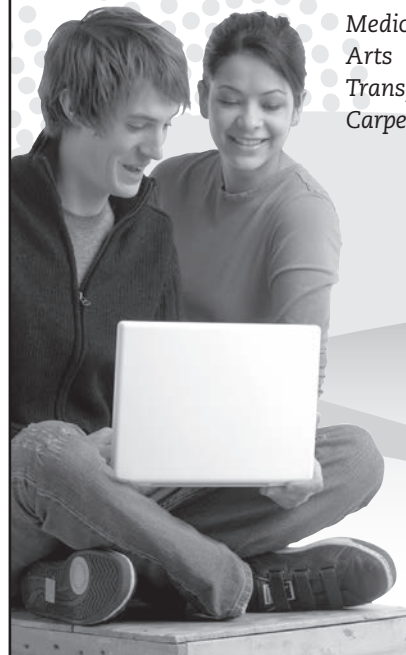
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Province gives museum star status

Stacey Brown
Shilo Stag

The designation of the RCA Museum as a Star Attraction by Tourism Manitoba is a move that the museum's director, Marc George hopes will increase the visibility of the museum to tourists.

"It's hard to say for sure what will happen; our estimate is that it'll probably result in about a 15 per cent increase in visitors. We get just over 6,000 people a year through the doors, so it probably means somewhere in the neighbourhood of 7,000 a year," George said. "The main thing is increased acces-

sibility, so more people will see it."

The process to receive the honour for the museum took three years. The application approval committee set up by the provincial Ministry of Culture, Heritage, Tourism and Sport gave the museum feedback each year they applied to help them improve and meet the criteria to receive the designation. The first year, George said, the museum was rejected because the committee was unaware of the museum's move from their previous location, a Second World War H-hut with only 3,000 square feet of gallery space, to their current

home on Patricia Road, with 15,000 square feet to work with. During their second application, the museum was undergoing development and the committee didn't want to grant the status to an attraction that would be inaccessible to visitors.

"That's really been what took the time was for us to get to a point where they (committee) were comfortable in recommending to tourists that they come here, year-round, that they're going to have a good visitor experience and that it meets the standard of the program," he said. "No matter where people go within the province, if they see something that's a Star Attraction, you can rest assured that it's going to be worth your while to stop."

George believes that the museum's continuing improvements – including the move to the larger building, expanding displays, and the installation of a climate control system for highly sensitive artifacts – were important in

receiving the designation.

The Star Attraction designation is currently applied to only 47 locations throughout the province, eight of which are in southwestern Manitoba. The Commonwealth Air Training Plan Museum, located at the Brandon Airport, has also received the designation. The museum has partnered with the Commonwealth Air Training Plan Museum in the past through sharing displays and marketing initiatives, and George believes that the two military museums being located so close together will be a benefit.

"I think that should be powerful for people. If they're interested in military history, they can come and stay in Brandon and they have two top-notch military museums within about 15 minutes of their hotel."

Along with inclusion on the Tourism Manitoba website listings of Star Attractions (www.tourismmanitoba.com), the designation also comes with signage that will be placed on the Trans-Canada Highway at turnoff to highway 340 at Douglas. For more information on the RCA Museum, visit www.rcamuseum.com.



Photo by Sgt Dennis Power/Army News

An original printing plate made from an original hand written copy of 'In Flanders Fields' by LCol John McRae. The plate was used to print the poem in a 1915 edition of Punch, a popular British magazine of the day. LCol McRae served as a Canadian artillery officer during the Boer War, and left a medical practice to serve as a Medical Officer at the outbreak of the First World War. The plate is part of one of the many displays at the RCA Museum, recently honoured as a Star Attraction by Tourism Manitoba.

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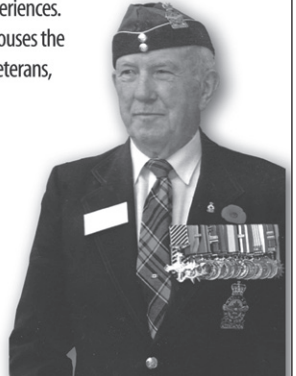
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Cadet Corps in danger of closure

Becky Block
Shilo Stag

Over forty youth currently enrolled in the Brandon Army Cadet Corps may suffer the loss of their over 50 year-old corps if they don't recruit new Cadet Instructor Cadre's (CIC) soon.

"The army cadets are great kids" says Capt Ruby Brydges, Army Cadet League representa-

tive, "Unfortunately, if we can't fill the CIC positions, great or not, they are going to be out of a corps and that's what we want to stop from happening."

Do you have an interest in helping to develop today's youth into good citizens and great leaders? Do you enjoy working with kids and teenagers? Perhaps you have experience in shooting, drill and physical fitness regimes.

If you answered yes to any of these teasers, the Army Cadets want you as part of their team.

Cadet Instructors Cadre officers are responsible for the training, administration and logistics operations of the program at the Corps level. No previous military experience? No problem.

These are uniformed positions, however anyone not in the military, but with an interest in the Canadian Cadet Movement, may qualify for these positions.

Brydges encourages those interested to first contact the Brandon Army Cadet Corps by phoning either 729-9133 and letting the Commanding Officer know you are available, or call Capt Brydges

at 728-1365.

"The corps is always looking for first-aid instructors, people with training in rock climbing, search and rescue and even public speaking," she says.

To determine eligibility for these positions, you must be of good character and in good standing in the community, be eighteen years of age or older and be recommended by the CO. You should also be in good mental and physical health and have a high school certificate or equivalent. These positions are paid and part-time and if you are a current military member, you do not qualify to become a CIC as you are already in a paid position through DND. For more informa-

tion on eligibility requirements, the CIC position and the cadet corps, log on to www.cadets.dnd.ca/recruit/cic. The Army cadets are the oldest program of the land/sea/air cadets. Army cadets gain valuable life skills, knowledge of themselves and an awareness of their environment through many outdoor pursuits undertaken including trekking, canoeing, rock climbing and survival training. They also learn a lot about army traditions and protocols. They currently meet every Wednesday night at the Brandon Armoury.

If you do not meet this requirement or are currently in the military, it doesn't mean you are not able to still volunteer your time. There are many jobs

that require little or no knowledge of the workings of the cadet program, such as driving cadets around during their fundraising initiatives, offering to be a volunteer instructor, or by joining the 2520 RCACC Sponsoring Committee which supports cadet initiatives that are not funded by National Defence.

The Army Cadet League of Canada is a civilian non profit organization working in partnership with the Canadian Forces to support the Royal Canadian Army Cadet program in promoting and fostering leadership, citizenship, self-reliance, physical fitness, and respect for others in Canadian youth.

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Stopping the big shots



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CFB Kingston goaltender Maj Tim O'Shea makes a spectacular save on former Toronto Maple Leaf Doug Gilmour as former Montreal Canadien captain Kirk Muller watches from the other side of the net at the Limestone Classic played recently in Kingston, Ontario. The two retired NHLers are the driving force behind the outdoor game, part of Feb Fest, held in Kingston's historic Market Square, between former NHL stars and personnel from CFB Kingston.

Finding the balance



Padre Chris Donnelly
1 RCHA

Lent is a time of preparation for Easter, and our church is in the middle of this season.

Preparation is something that everyone connected to the military knows well, because soldiers are always training for one thing or another. The latest group of soldiers from 1 RCHA have just boarded buses at CFB Shilo and started a journey which will see them take their place on TF 1-08. They can look back with others on a year of intense training which has prepared them for their role within NATO operations.

Often soldiers spend a great deal of time training physically for what they know is ahead. They study to understand their roles as well. But do they spend as much time getting ready spiritually? Life is a balance of body, mind and spirit. Each part needs care and attention. What training can be done to spiritually prepare a soldier for life's journey, for the mission?

The Bible is full of stories which have helped people prepare spiritually for life's journey. One such biblical story found in Matthew 4: 1-11 describes a time when Jesus spent 40 days in the wilderness praying and fasting before he begins his ministry. (Note: 40 is a significant number in the Bible and is the number of days in the season of Lent). Following this time of intense focus on what the Spirit wanted Jesus to do, he was prepared to face the challenges that lay ahead. Jesus

came away from the time of spiritual preparation focused not on himself and what he could achieve, but instead focused on what he could do to bring others into a closer relationship with God. He was ready to serve. Service is also something military members know well.

Soldiers decide to wear a uniform and serve for many reasons. Some do it for a pay cheque. The money they earn provides for themselves and their loved ones. It looks after their physical needs. Others do it for the challenge. The military offers the mental challenge needed to motivate them to be the best they possibly can. They take courses and train not only pushing their bodies physically, but also their minds mentally, to be the best at their job. Still others join because they want to make the world a better place. To a chaplain, this final point stands out as a key to the success of every soldier. It answers the greater question of why soldiers do what they are commanded to do. Training and discipline are important, but spirit and will are just as important.

Is it spirit and will that enables a soldier to risk personal safety to aid others? Could this be a spiritual response to the needs they see all around them? To a chaplain, faith clearly supports the knowledge that at the core of every soldier is a person who has so much concern for others, they are willing to give up their own freedoms in order to serve. A soldier accepts the challenge, and is ready and willing to go where they are told. They do this in order to accomplish the mission decided by others, trusting that the chain of command knows more than they do,

and will guide them forward to success. A soldier's faith supports his or her actions.

When Jesus set out into the wilderness, he was preparing to take on the mission which God had laid out for him. Jesus up to this point was struggling with his human and godly sides. Which was going to win out? After 40 days of focus and contemplation, he was prepared to say no to physical needs, protection and power; he was ready to embrace a path which would best serve God and man, as directed by the Spirit.

After all of your training, can you say that you are ready to serve others in a similar fashion? Are you prepared to leave family and friends in order to help others you know are powerless to help themselves? Are you prepared to sacrifice your physical comfort and protection in order to serve these people in need? Every soldier should answer yes, but struggles from time to time with these questions.

Confidence to overcome these doubts comes from knowing that actions taken do make a difference. God encourages those that want to help others. Faith in God gives individuals the strength of will to carry on through all sorts of difficult times, and in all sorts of places and circumstances. If you are not sure about this, then Lent is a good time to seek that clarity of vision which seems beyond your grasp at times.

During the season of Lent, everyone is asked to take an opportunity to renew their faith, to focus and concentrate on their role in service to God, and the world, within the context of the CF. After this is done, a soldier will find his or her balance for the journey.

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Family violence has serious consequences for victims (including witnesses) and perpetrators. The Canadian Forces takes the issue of family violence very seriously and provides many resources for members and their families to address the issue (more on this later).

Unfortunately, there are many reasons that may prevent people from accessing the resources that could help with solutions to this, all too widespread, area of family difficulty. People may not know where to turn for help. There is a lot of embarrassment and shame about the problem. Members and family also worry about the impact on military careers. Finally, victims may be concerned about their safety or the potential for family

break-up.

These are all legitimate concerns but must be evaluated against the effects of abuse on the family. It is widely recognized by family violence professionals that if abusive or violent behaviour is occurring in the home, it will not magically decrease or go away. The usual course of progression is that the problem will actually become worse over time, if not addressed. It is also no surprise that the longer people are exposed to abuse, the more serious are the consequences, especially of the emotional or psychological variety.

Fortunately, there are resources, military and civilian, available to help families. The embarrassment and shame are issues that will remain with families as long as the abuse is occurring. These difficult emotions can be gradually dealt

with only if people reach out for help to end the violence. The sooner families find the courage to address the problem; the less likely behaviours will escalate to the point where careers or relationships may be affected.

If you have concerns about your own or a family member's angry, controlling or abusive behaviours, the following resources are good places to reach out to: CF Mental Health services - Shilo: 765-3000 ext: 3177; Health promotions (periodic anger management courses): 765-3000 ext:3867; MFRC: 765-3000 ext 3352; The Women's Resource Centre, Brandon: 726-8632; Westman Women's Shelter (YMCA 24 hrs.): 727-3644

Olympians head east

Eppie Goumans
Special Olympics
Westman

Westman athletes, along with a thousand others will compete in Quebec City at the end of this month for The Special Olympics Canada National Winter Games as part of Quebec City's 400th Anniversary.

Team Toba will have 45 athletes competing in snowshoeing, speed skating, cross country skiing, curling, figure skating, floor hockey and alpine skiing. All athletes, coaches and mission staff were selected from the Provincial Winter Games held in the Shilo/Westman area last February.

The Westman area spe-

cifically will be sending athletes to compete in three events: Wayne Bauche, Shannon Bauche and Tasha Bell will compete in the Cross Country Ski event, coached by Joyce Wityshyn; Matt Gero, James Almas and Daryn Thomson under the coaching of Mark Farrell will compete in Floor Hockey; and The Shilo Gunner's Craig McLaren, Ian Swain, Trent Gussie, Jeff Gardiner and Harvey Chambers will curl under the coaching of Eppie Goumans and Don Couprie.

All athletes, coaches and executives of Special Olympics Westman would like to thank all the members of the Canadian Forces, PSP, and civilian personnel at CFB

Shilo and the local community for their support. A special thank you to the Shilo Men's Club, the RM of Cornwallis, the Sprucewoods & Area Lions Club, Sandy Land Video, Riverview Curling Club and Summit Promotions.

To show your support for Team Toba, visit the Special Olympics Manitoba web site - www.specialolympics.mb.ca - click on 'Team Manitoba' and follow the links to show your support.

If anyone is interested in volunteering their services for Special Olympics in Westman, please call 728-4702 or drop us a note at Special Olympics Westman, PO Box 20149, Brandon, Manitoba, R7A 6Y8.

Good deeds pay off

Submitted by
O'Kelly School

To help promote positive behaviour in O'Kelly School, we are running a 'Caught You Being Good' program. Good deeds and behaviours were noted by staff, and the student's names were put into a draw to become Principal of the Day. From mid-December through early February, 180 names were put into the draw box. Some examples of the good behaviour were; cleaning up

a mess that wasn't theirs, being on time, showing good behaviour during indoor recess, helping watch other children on the playground, doing awesome science research, walking in the halls, showing initiative and getting homework completed on time. The following is what grade seven winner, Sara Joudrey experienced in her position of 'Principal of the Day' on February 13.

These are some of the things I did as Principal of the Day;

Handed out pencils to all of the students who had their name in the "Caught You Being Good" draw.

I listened to students who came to the office to read to the principal for 'I Love to Read Week.'

I went through a whole school day without drawing (it was painful!).

I had pizza for lunch with Jordan and Miss Korrmilo.

I saw Mrs. Nicholson and her baby son Lucas when they were here for the 'Roots of Empathy' program in the grade 2

class.

I decided what pencils should be ordered for the 'Caught You Being Good' treats.

I visited classrooms to see what they were doing. Lots of valentine stuff going on. The grade 8's had just come back from their day at Crocus Plains High School.

The best part of being Principal of the Day was I got a day off from class. I learned that the principal's office is really small. I thought it would be bigger.



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Students brave elements to observe Exercise

Cpl Bill Gomm
Army News

Creative Communications (Cre Comm) students from Red River College in Winnipeg got a chance to see how Reserve soldiers work and train in the cold during a visit to the Basic Winter Warfare Course (BWWC) held at St. Charles Range February 18-22.

"I'm impressed by how fast they got the tent up," said Aaron Zeghers.

"I really like the course," said Pte Anna Weingardtl, referring to the Winter Warfare training. "Especially making our own shelters."

Twenty-eight Reserve soldiers broken down into three

tent groups took part in the BWWC.

With the Cre Comm students watching, the soldiers took part in two competitions, the first being a snowshoe relay race around a 400 meter loop and the second a race as a group to set up their 10 person tent with the winning team being the first one to present a cup of hot chocolate to the course officer.

"It was long," said Pte Andreas Zinn after finishing the first lap of the relay. "In some parts I had to break trail while the rest was hard packed."

Nine students arrived on February 22 for the Final Training Exercise (FTX). Upon arrival at the range Capt Rick Desjardins, the Course

Officer, briefed the students on the course and then took questions.

"In the cold everything is more fragile and takes longer," said Capt Desjardins as he explained the course and the difficulties encountered while training in the cold.

"The most difficult part is the mental block, convincing you that you can operate and live at -40C."

The Cre Comm students seemed to enjoy the experience, even though it was during their "Reading Week" break from school.

"I didn't expect my break to be this educational," said Bren-Lee Coates.

The contests were a big hit with all of the spectators.

"Interesting to see them at work and competing against one another," said Mr. Zeghers.

As part of Ex PRARIE DEFENDER in Dundurn, SK April 26 to May 2, six Cre Comm students will be embedded into the exercise. Three will be journalists and three will be Public Affairs Officers (PAO) that will switch roles at the half way point of the exercise. All will have the opportunity to rotate through various sites and camps.

As embedded journalists the students will be required to write stories daily, do on-camera reports and the PAO's will monitor interviews and do briefings.

The six lucky students will



Photo by Cpl Bill Gomm/Army News
Pte Matthew Nichol, of The Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders of Canada, talks with Christine Mazur, a Creative Communications student at Red River College, after finishing his leg of the snowshoe relay race during a visit to the BWWC in late February.

be chosen from a larger group based on input from their instructors at the college and the PA staff of 38 Canadian

Brigade Group. Writing the articles on the Winter EX was one part of the evaluation process.

New commander pledges continued support

Capt Blais
PAO, KPRT

In a ceremony held at Camp Nathan Smith in early February, LCol Dana Woodworth accepted the command of the Kandahar Provincial Reconstruction Team (KPRT) from LCol Bob Chamberlain. The handover was conducted in the presence of LGen Michel Gauthier, commander of Canadian Expeditionary Force Command (CEFCOM), and BGen Guy Laroche, commander of Joint Task Force (Afghanistan). LCol Woodward will lead the KPRT for a year.

While in command of the KPRT, LCol Chamberlain handled the rapid expansion of new governance structures after Operation MEDUSA and the launch of more than 1,000 new projects in line with

the Afghan-led "Kandahar model" of reconstruction and development, which is now highly regarded. He guided a strong "whole of government" team during a critical period in the mission, increasing consultation and collaboration with local government departments and international organizations.

"I am tremendously proud of what has been accomplished in the mission as a whole, and in particular this experienced team of outstanding Canadians that I was honoured to lead over the last year. Efforts 'outside the wire' have really accelerated," said LCol Chamberlain.

As well as infantry soldiers, engineers and civil-military co-operation experts, the KPRT comprises civilians from the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade,

Canadian International Development Agency, Correctional Service of Canada, several Canadian police agencies, and the United States Agency for International Development. Their collaboration has helped shape and facilitate major projects to help Afghans in Kandahar Province see a viable alternative to the insurgency. "Every day I see people in the villages and districts who have had enough of fighting and are keen to embrace their future," said LCol Chamberlain.

LCol Dana Woodworth, the new commanding officer, praised the KPRT's accomplishments during

LCol Chamberlain's tenure in command. Referring to the challenge of leading such a diverse team of diplomats, development workers and security experts, he pledged that the KPRT would continue assisting the Government of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan in its effort to extend its authority through the 17 districts of Kandahar Province. "The unit will stay focussed on supporting the Provincial Governor and District Leaders as they establish governance and enable the implementation of development," said LCol Woodworth.

At the change of command parade, LGen Gau-



Photo by Cpl Bruno Turcotte, KPRT
Under the eye of BGen Guy Laroche (centre) at Camp Nathan Smith, the commanding officer of Joint Task Force (Afghanistan), the new commanding officer of the Provincial Reconstruction Team, LCol Dana Woodworth (left), signs the change of command documents with his predecessor, LCol Bob Chamberlain.

thier also acknowledged soldiers who served under LCol Chamberlain's him to be proud of what achievements and told the they have accomplished.

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Tpr Michael Yuki Hayakaze
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Tpr Hayakaze was im-

mediately evacuated from the scene by helicopter, but later succumbed to his injuries and was pronounced dead upon his arrival at the Multinational Medical Unit at Kandahar Airfield. His vehicle was part of a routine patrol during the time of the incident.

The Honourable Peter MacKay, Minister of National Defence, issued the following statement today on the death of a Canadian soldier in Afghanistan:

"It is with great sadness I learned today of the death of Tpr Michael Yuki Hayakaze. This brave Canadian died while traveling in a convoy through the Mushan region in Kandahar province. The thoughts and prayers of all Canadians go out to his family, friends and comrades at

this very difficult time.

Canada's participation in this United Nations-mandated NATO mission is a true reflection of Canadian values: helping those in need and defending the interests of those who can't yet defend themselves. We will never forget Trooper Hayakaze whose self-sacrifice served to make life better for so many others."

Tpr Hayakaze, age 25, is with the Lord Strathcona's Horse (Royal Canadians) based out of Edmonton, Alberta.

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Fiona Jeffries
Health Promotions
Director

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Submissions can be sent to the Stag via email at stag@mts.net, dropped off at the Stag office located in the Shilo Community Centre or via Inter-base mail.

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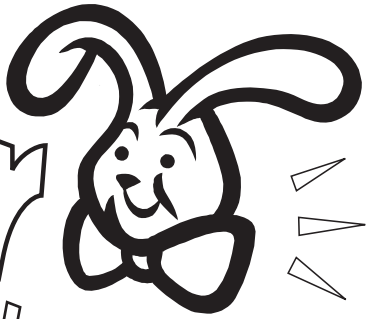
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